

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE

October 11, 2005  
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Don Herp, Phoenix, Acting Chairman	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Andrew Smith, ADOT	Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
* Carnell Thurman, Avondale	Patrick Pittenger, Mesa
* Chris Young, Buckeye	Andrew Cooper, Paradise Valley
Dan Cook, Chandler	Burton Charron, Peoria
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	Mark Young, Queen Creek
* Michael Vinson, Gila River Indian Community	* Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa I.C.
Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Dave Meinhart, Scottsdale
Dan Sherwood, Glendale	Bob Maki for Brian Pirooz, Surprise
Don French, Goodyear	* Larry Shobe, Tempe
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	Richard Rawnsley for Jason Earp, Tolleson
	* Jesse Mendez, Youngtown

\* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

William C. "Blue" Crowley	Paul Ward, MAG
Stephen Tate, MAG	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Don Herp at 1:30

2. Approval of the September 13, 2005, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

William C. "Blue" Crowley spoke to the Committee. He indicated that when streets were widened or improved, bicycle lanes should be included. He noted that MAG maps often did not include the entire County, that maps developed by the State Lands Department often do not show some western and southern areas of the County. He indicated that maps do not show the Canamex corridor and that this corridor should be a countywide focus. He noted that street projects had gotten the least amount of funding from the RTP and stated that this was not good.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Paul Ward briefed the Committee on recent activities. He indicated that the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP has been approved by the Regional Council in July, but that the Governor 's designee had not yet approved it. He indicated that he expected that it would be approved by the end of the month.

Mr. Ward then discussed pending TIP amendments and administrative adjustments. He noted that requests for amendments and adjustments were due on September 30, 2005, that by the end of October the Transportation Review Committee was expected to review these requests and that the Regional Council would consider them at its December 14, 2005 meeting of the Council.

He then went on to discuss the newly enacted Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). He noted that the act was signed on August 10, 2005, that it increased Surface Transportation funds to be received by the State by 40.6 percent compared with TEA-21 and that amount of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding was largely unaffected.

The development of the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP was then discussed by Mr. Ward. He noted that this TIP would be more complex than previous TIPs as it would include the following six elements:

- The MAG Federal Program
- The State Highway Program (non half-cent funded, Maricopa County area projects only)
- The Regional Freeway Program
- The Regional Transit Program
- The Arterial Life-Cycle Program
- Member Agency Program (locally funded member agency projects)

Robert Maki asked for background information about the new safety program in SAFETEA-LU. Mr. Ward indicated that the new program created a new funding category separate from STP and that this funding would go directly to the State to be allocated to State and local agency safety projects. Programming authority for this funding source resides with the State.

5. MAG Federally Funded Locally Sponsored Projects Development Status

Stephen Tate distributed a project development status report and then discussed the status of MAG federally funded projects. He noted that a large number of projects had been deferred from FY 2005 into FY 2006. He stressed that FY 2006 projects should be well along in the development process, but that based on input from ADOT staff, that a number of member agencies had yet to submit documents for ADOT staff to review.

Dave Meinhardt indicated that the project status report was in error concerning the Scottsdale project at Via Ventura. He noted that the project was well into the process and that it was nearing obligation.

6. Federal Fiscal Year 2005 Closeout

Mr. Ward indicated that in FY 2005, the MAG region had received about \$97 million in federal funds and actually ended the year with \$13 million. Approximately \$5.1 million in obligation authority was expected to be repaid by ADOT and \$18 million was scheduled to be transferred to transit. As a result, MAG ended the year with approximately \$133,000 in unused obligation authority.

7. FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP Federally Funded Program Development Status

Mr. Ward briefed the Committee. He noted that applications for federal funding for ITS, bicycle and pedestrian projects were due on September 2, 2005. Applications for ITS projects would be considered and prioritized by the ITS Committee and applications for bicycle and pedestrian projects would be considered and prioritized jointly by the Regional Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group. It is anticipated that by the end of November, the Transportation Review Committee will review the project priorities developed by these three technical advisory committees and will recommend a MAG Federally funded program for FY 2011.

8. Federal Functional Classifications of Rural Roadways

Mr. Tate distributed a map of proposed reclassifications and briefed the Committee on the agenda item. He noted that previously, the Committee had reviewed changes to the federal functional classification of urban roadways, and at that time MAG had committed to conduct a second round of reclassifications to include roadways outside the urban area.

In response to a question from Mr. Pittenger, Mr. Tate noted that proposed reclassifications included only requested changes by Maricopa County in unincorporated areas and a request by Scottsdale for a reclassification of a section of Cactus Road. This last, had been requested previously, but had been overlooked by staff.

Mr. Crowley requested to speak to the Committee. He indicated that ADOT maps showed the Canamex corridor going through central Phoenix. He indicated that its planned alignment in the Wickenburg area affected a high school, a grade school and other properties. He indicated that ADOT should make maximum use of an easement. He indicated that MAG was not looking at future growth and development realistically .

Mr. Cook moved that the requested changes to the federal functional classifications be forwarded to the Transportation Review Committee with the recommendation that they be approved. Chris Plumb seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, with ADOT not voting.

9. Gila Bend Reprogramming Request

Mr. Ward introduced the item and reported that the TIP includes a FY 2006 MAG federally funded pedestrian improvement project in the Town of Gila Bend. The Town has indicated a desire to use the ADOT HURF Exchange Program to complete the project and had requested a slight change in

scope to include only pedestrian improvements at the intersection with Pima Street. The HURF exchange program allows local governments in the rural area to exchange federal funds for State HURF funds at a rate of 90 cents of HURF per dollar of federal funding. Local governments comply with substantially fewer design and environment review requirements than in the ADOT administered federal design and environmental review process.

Mr. Plumb indicated that he was under the impression that all MAG federal funding available for this program was already committed to the freeway program. Mr. Ward noted that small amounts of this funding were available.

Mr. Cook suggested that it might be appropriate to increase the federal funding for the project by ten percent so that when Gila Bend exchanged its federal funding for HURF, it would not reduce the actual amount of funding available for the project. Mr. Ward indicated that Gila Bend could request additional funding in the closeout process.

Mr. Crowley spoke on the agenda item. He noted that neither Lynn Farmer, nor an ADOT representative were at the meeting, that air quality was not considered and that the Gila River Indian Community was not considered.

Mr. Plumb moved that the Gila Bend request to refine the scope of GDB05-202 to include only pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Martin Avenue and Pima Street and to participate in the ADOT HURF Exchange Program be approved. Mr. Pittenger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

10. FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP Locally Funded Program Development

Mr. Tate provided a brief presentation and demonstration of the software to be used by MAG member agencies to update project data for the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. He noted that the software would be available on the MAG website in November, that it would include all projects for member agencies programmed in the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP and that at a minimum, the status field for each project should be updated.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.